ELEVEN--COUNT 'EM-TO CHARTER SOUGHT

Everything From the Creation of a Tax Commission- AMENDMENT TO ership to More Help For Town Clerk Schultz Included in G. O. P. Program.

Common Council May Get Right to Boost Your Pay If You're a Deserving Republican Employe— Health Board Bill Offer-

(Special to The Farmer) Hartford, Jan. 24-There'll be no trouble at all for any de- the General Statutes, a law which regserving Republican city official to get his salary raised, if an amendment to the city charter, presented in the Senate today, is passed. All the deserving!" official will have to do is to ask the Republican Common Council about it, for in that body will be vested complete power in the regulation of city salaries.

Eleven charter amendments, in all, were introduced today. The abolishing of the board of assessors and the creation of a reads tax commissionership among the most important.

Tax Commissioner to Oust Assessors Next June, is Plan

(Special to The Farmer.) Hartford, Jan. 24-"From and after the first day of June, 1917, there any person or persons to work or to to accede to the request," remarkshall no longer be a board of tax as- abstain from working, or from ceas- ed the attorney, "the task of finishing Such is the closing sentence of an party to a dispute concerning terms amendment to the charter of the city or conditions of employment, or from of Bridgeport, introduced in the Sen-

The proposed amendment creates giving to, or withholding from any mony Mr. Noble obtained permission the position of tax commissioner, a person or persons any strike benefits to have his counsel and H. K. Pomethe duties now performed by the four or other moneys, or things of value; man board of assessors. The deputy lawful manner and for lawful purcommissioner and chief clerk will take over much of the work now per- which might lawfully be done in the formed by the clerk of the board and absence of such disputes, by any party the assistant clerk will look after the the assistant clerk will look after the the text of the assistant clerk will look after the the considered. block map system. The text of the specified herein be considered, or amendment which revises Section 16 held to be violations of any law of of the charter adopted in 1907 reads the State of Connecticut. in a part as follows:

the month of May, 1917, and quad- who advertises for help when labor renaially thereafter for the term of troubles exist, without specifying that next succeeding such appointment. The salary of the tax commission-

tax commissioner shall exercise all the sheriff. powers and duties relative to the tax lists, assessment lists and the equalization thereof, abstracts and all matters referring to taxation now or hereafter conferred upon or exercied by the coard of assessors; and appeals from assessments to the board of relief shall be taken in the same manner as from the board of assess:

"Such tax commissioner shall have authority to appoint a deputy com-missioner and a chief clerk whose respective salaries shall not be more than two thousand, five hundred dollars per annum; an assistant clerk whose salary shall not be more than eighteen hundred dollars per annum. Such clerks shall hold their respective offices during the pleasure of the tax commissioner. The common council may from time to time provide such clerical assistance as may be required by said tax commissioner.

"It shall be the duty of the town clerk of said Bridgeport to file with such tax commissioner daily, a complete abstract of all deeds and conveyances of land left in the town clerk's office for record on the preceding day. Wherever in the charter of the city of Bridgeport or in any special law or public act, any power or duty is now or hereafter imposed upon boards of assessors, such power or duty so far as applicable to the \$50,000 to build an isolation depart- red letters on his room windows City of Bridgeport, shall be taken to ment to be under the control of the which read "Norton Construction Co." refer to and shall be assumed and exercised by such tax commissioners. From and after the first day of June, 1917, there shall no longer be a board of assessors within the City of Bridgeport."

The present board of assessors consists of: Frank J. Hughes, president; William F. Russell, Thomas O'Brien and Julius W. Knowlton. Their terms are for four years at \$1,800 yearly salary. Loren Delbridge, clerk of the board, receives \$1,500, and Robert N. Jones, assistant clerk, \$1,300. There are also two copyists who receive \$700

Arthur F. Connor, now examiner of mens and clerk of the board of ap- a measure i-troduced today by Repvealsal of benefits and damages at a combined salary of \$3,000 per year, will be made tax commissioner. The deputy commissioner has not been decided on. Clerk Delbridge will be advanced to chief clerk at an increased salary. Assistant Clerk Jones will be

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IS INTRODUCED

Senate Receives Measure Designed to Clarify Section 1296.

(Special to The Farmer.) the Molders' union and other labor organizations and labor leaders, Senator John O'Connell of Bridgeport today introduced a measure in the Senate designed to amend Section 1296 of ulates picketing and other activities of strikers.

The amendment was drawn up by Attorney Thomas Cullinan of Bridgeport, who is counsel for the Molders' union. It has the backing of labor men throughout the state.

The section is as follows: "Every person who shall threaten, or use any means to intimidate any person to compel such person, against his will, to do, or abstain from doing any act which such person has a legal right to do, or shall persistently follow such person in a disorderly manner, or injure, or threaten to injure, his property, with intent to intimidate him, shall be fined not more than

six months." The amendment to this section might be expected. Mr. Noble said "but nothing in this section copies of the resolution had been sent contained shall affect the rights of to the members this forenoon and that or prohibit any person or persons some replies probably could be expectwhether singly or in concert from ed by tomorrow or the day after. terminating any relations of employ-"I think they all realize," he said, ment, or from ceasing to perform any work or labor, or from recommending, advising, or persuading others as quickly as possible." by peaceful means to do so; or from . He knew of none who will assume attendance at any place where any the responsibility of not complying such person or persons may lawfully with the request. All, he believed, be, for the purpose of peacefully ob- will give their cordial assistance to taining or communicating informa- the committee.

tion, or from peacefully persuading essors within the city of Bridgeport," ing to patronize or to employ any the matter will remain with the comrecommending, advising, persuading, or trying by peaceful and lawful means so to do; or from paying or or from peacefully assembling in a poses or from doing any act or thing

Senator Patrick, B. O'Sullivan of There shall be in the city of Derby, minority leader, introduced a Bridgeport a tax commissioner who similar measure, and also one providshall be appointed by the mayor in ing a fine of \$1,000 for any employer eight years after the first day of June fact. Another measure he introduced related to the employment of guards Hillside Home Occupant to do strike duty, and would place er shall be \$4,000 per annum. Such them under the control of the county

The drive to change "1296," as it has been known to labor men, resulted from the interpretations that are being put on the law by judges in Connecticut, whereby labor feels it has been unduly restrained. Many senators and representatives have promsupport the measure.

ST. VINCENT'S

Senate Requested to Approve Appropriation of \$50,000 for Eurpose.

to St. Vincent's hospital. One would provide the hospital had hired a room in an Elm street with a special state appropriation of lodging house and painted a sign in

hospital. The tuberculosis cases, it is He failed to pay his rent and was a department.

been the custom. Would Give Common Council Sweeping

(Special to The Farmer) Hartford, Jan. 24.—Sweeping powers in the regulation of jitneys are vested in the common council under resentative R N. Blakeslee of Bridge. port. The bill would require a bond of the fitneurs, the amount of which is to be determined by capacity and

route of the vehicle. out hunters' licenses; and limiting the Sunday evening movies. Overcast tonight and Thursday, not number of erev squirrels to be taken | Another measure he introduced promuch change in temperature; fresh in the open serson to six fr and day vides a fine of not more than \$5,000 of the Canadian Senate since 1904, other members appointed by the govor 30 for the season.

BROKERS TO AID "LEAK" PROBERS, **NOBLE DECLARES**

Head of New York Stock Exchange Says All Records Will be Produced.

DOUBT AS TO TIME NEEDED FOR WORK

May Require Two or Three Weeks, Says Member of Brokerage House.

New York, Jan. 24-The members of the New York stock exchange who have been requested by their board of governors to make available for the examination of the rule commit-Hartford, Jan. 24.-At the request of tee of the house of representatives the record of their transactions durthe period when Wall street is supposed to have received advance

the "leak" inquiry here today. Mr. Noble appeared to inform the committee of the adoption last night of the resolutions of the board requesting the 600 or so brokerage houses to turn over the desired data to the chairman of the clearing house committee for submission to the rule committee's experts, who will examine them to learn the identity of the operators who were dealing heavily on the short side of the stock market prior to the publication of the peace the Ams Co. more than nominal dam-

Sherman L. Whipple, the commitoutset how soon the first responses

"that speed is desired, and that those who are going to respond will respond

"If any individual members decline

The attorney then resumed his examination of Mr. Noble on stock market methods, particularly on "short" roy, chairman of the stock list committee, at his side.

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FOR UNCLOTHED DEMENTED MAN

Escaped in Snowstorn, and Is Believed Dead.

Braving the blinding snowstorm of last Sunday, barefoot and destitute of every vestige of clothing except a

the woods of Nichols or Trumbull. A posse of about 25 men, attendants and inmates of the institute beat the his physical condition at the time of his commitment to the home-the day before his escape—was very poor. It is thought he could not long survive the rigors of the elements.

Norton managed to obtain a piece he was confined. He wrapped himself in a blanket, neglecting to put on his shoes or stockings and eluding (Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Jan. 24—Senator O'Connell of Bridgeport introduced two the Remington Arms Ammunition remeasures in the senate today relating servation and thence into the woods. He was arrested last week. He

planned, would be transferred to such ejected after he had contracted with the Hadley Furniture Co. to purchase The other measure requested an ap- a large amount of waste paper. He propriation of \$30,000 for two years, had hired two men to wrap up the for the general hospital work, as has paper at the concern, but after removing one load Norton disappeared. In court his sanity was questioned and Judge Frank Wilder ordered him sent to the Lakeview Home for observation. Although he has been a is known of his relatives or friends.

O'Sullivan Bill Would Legalize

(Special to The Farmer.) Hartford, Jan. 24.-Two bills relating in the Senate today by Patrick O'Sul-Mr. Blakeslee also introduced, for livan, the member from Derby. One the Fairfield County Fish & Game as- would allow on Sunday afternoon any Paul Goodell, Max Fredericks, Sam- The board would have supervision of the peace of the world and the happisoc'ation, bills providing a penalty for athletic pastime that is legal on week- uel W. Hubbell, Burton C. Warner and the milk industry in the state and ness of mankind—it is now. The profalsification of name or age in taking days, and the other would legalize M. J. Dahlin.

Fairfield Concern Where Long Strike Was in Progress Awarded Damages of \$5,000 in Action Against Machinists' Local and Labor Men.

Judge Bennett Says Law May Be Interpreted That Threatening Tone of Voice or Gathering Crowd Around One Is Intimidation.

A verdict for \$5,000 damages of governors to withhold the infor- Agent George J. Bowen, Peter J. close to Bridgeport. mation. This assurance was given to Coleman and William Seemar was the committee by President Noble of given by a jury in the superior court the exchange at the resumption of this afternoon in the suit brought persons in Bridgeport have been in against the union by the Max Ams Machine Co. of Fairfield. The jury deliberated less than an hour before returning with a verdict.

Attorney Hugh J. Lavery, of counsel for the union, said it had not yet been decided whether an appeal would be taken. The verdict was a bitter disappointment to the defendants who had hoped from the trend of the testimony and Judge Bennett's charge that the jury would not award ages if any. Although the full amount of damages originally asked was amended the complaint so that the total amount when the case went to

the jury was \$7,995. Arguments were heard yesterday afternoon and this morning Judge Bennett made his charge. plained the law in regard to intimidation. The judge said the strikers had a legal right to picket in a lawful manner. They could tell a man there was a strike at the factory and GUSTAVE MOLL are him not to work there but could not threaten him or strike him if he refused to listen to their arguments. Judge Bennett said a threatening tone of voice could sometimes be construed as intimidation or the presence of a crowd of pickets about one or two men when they were being told of a strike being in operation.

The Ams Co. claimed to have lost orders by the acts of the strikers in 1915 and said the strikers by threats mony Mr. Noble obtained permission and intimidation prevented the company from getting its full quota of employes, thereby hampering the operation of the plant. The strikers denied making threats or using vio-

POLICE BAFFLED BY ROBBERY AT **BULLARD'S SHOP**

Score of Detectives Fail to and executed on August 2, 1897, and Unearth Clue to Men Who Got Payroll.

Efforts of a score of detectives to find a tangible clue, which would lead of Mrs. Thorpe and Mrs. Oberly that to a disclosure of the identities and such a document had long existed. blanket which he removed from the the apprehension of the men who ised the State Federation of Labor to cot on which he slept and wrapped robbed the paymaster, John L. Grills, around his body, Charles W. Nor- of the Bullard Machine Tool Co., yeston, fled from Hilside home, and is terday morning of the night force's tion of love and affection for them, believed to have died of exposure in payroll totaling about \$3,000, have been

The police and the management of the concern are satisfied the robbers July, 1897, of real estate to her daughwoods yesterday in an effort to find who blackjacked the paymaster were some trace of Norton, but their hunt at one time employed by the company proved futile. The quest was resumed or are at present members of the today. Norton is an elderly man and working force. It was learned that the amount carried by the paymaster yesterday was one of the smallest payrolls he has ever had in his possession. The payroll lists which he carries range from \$3,000 to \$30,000. The management has implicit confi-

of wire with which he picked the shock and the effect of being struck a smashing blow on the head with a blackjack.

FOR SEWERAGE

Officials Seek Legislature's Permission for \$300,000 Bond Issue.

(Special to The Farmer) familiar figure about the streets of of the sewer committee held last ev- Further litigation is expected. At-Control of Jitneurs Bridgeport for several years nothing ening at the town hall a resolution it to the legislature asking that a by her in a "firm strong hard." committee of three oe appointed and the authorization of bonds assenting WOULD HAVE STATE Sunday Athletics to \$1300,000 for a sewage system. The appointment of the committee ~: Il be left to the discretion of the selectmen. The resolution will be presented to Sunday observance were introduced either Thursday or Friday. The members of the sewer committee are Elliott W. Peck, Frederick S. Beardsley, was introduced in the Senate today.

for discriminating in sales of goods. I died at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, ernor, to serve three years.

VACCINATION OF

Commissioners Vote to Recommend That Public Be Innoculated.

POINT TO DANGER OF SPREADING SMALLPOX

Two Here Who Have Been in Contact With Cases Under Surveillance. At a meeting of the health board

ast night, it was voted to recommend that every person in Bridgeport who has not been vaccinated, obtain the treatment at once. Health Officer W. H. Brown said his morning:

"The recommendation to the public will be made for several reasons. Smallpox is spreading in Waterbury information on the president's peace against the International Association and other places in the state and note are not expected by the board of Machinists, Iocal No. 30, Business cases have been discovered in towns

"One of the most recent cases is in It is known that two contact with the case and they are under close supervision."

Dr. Brown said that no arrangements had been made to force the vaccination of children in the schools. "Not just yet," is the way he put

"I have no argument," he said, with those who oppose vaccination, up to a certain point. When they begin to interfere with the public good, then I believe, it is time to take action."

the regulations for hotels, restaurants, etc. One was that instead requiring running water for washing dishes, the department will require hot running water.

The building commissioners will be asked to see that plumbers in putting new work in old houses, live up to the regulation that requires a filing of plans of such changes.

GETS NOTHING

Both Son and Mrs. Stadler. a Daughter, Cut Off Without Cent.

In her will offered for probate today, Mrs. Theresa A. Moll, the eccentric nonagenarian, who died recently at her home in Arlington, divides her estate between her daughters, Mrs. this city and Adolph Moll of Chicago, without a penny, and makes no mention of her other daughter, Mrs. August Stadtler of this city. DeForest & Klein, in a hand as legible us he is about to commit his governas copper plate and is clear and di- ment. rect in its provisions. It was drawn

duction of the will today came as a Mrs. Moll says that her bequests to her daughters are made "freely and without solicitation and in considera-

rather than for my other children." The will is drawn in case there are "any defects" in the conveyance in ters and also to confirm and ratify a bill of sale of all furniture and household goods made to Lillie Thorpe in July, 1897. Also the conveyance of 10 mortgages which she held on land in Stratford.

Gustave Moll is cut off because he made a marriage his mother considered unwise and she does not want any of her property to go to his wife or children. Adolph is cut off because he left his mother and would not assist her on the farm and she thinks he is able to look out for himself. No mention of Mrs. Stadtler is made. Mrs. Moll directs her daughter, Lillie, to pay \$5 each Christmas and each March 6, to Lillie Moll, daughter of

her deceased son, George. She also directs her daughter Lillie always to read the religious paof the religious projects or charities to which she contributed. She directs that Lillie see that Gustave A. Moll is never in want.

Judge Miller has set no date for the hearing on the admission of the will to probate but when the date is arranged he will call another judge to hear the matter because of 14 years' probate court litigation between Stratford, Jan. 24-At a meeting the daughters and Gustave Moll. torney Klein pointed out today that was drawn up and adopted which will the will was drawn five years before be given to Representative Ivan L. there was any question as to Mrs. Morehouse who in turn will present Moll's mental condition and signed

SUPERVISION OF MILK

(Special to The Farmer) Hartford, Jan. 24 .- A bill prepared by Lieut.-Gov. Wilson, establishing a commissioner, the executive head of tious speech. Themas Osborne Davis, a member the state board of health and three

BY HEALTH DEPT. DESTROYER'S DECKS AFTER FIERCE FIGHT

Bodies Are Hacked From Decks With Axes After Destroyer Returns to German Port, Badly Damaged—British Destroyer is Sunk and Another Battered in Sharp Engagement Off Zeebrugge-Total Casualties in Battle as Yet Unavailable.

Berlin, Jan. 24, via London - One British destroyer was sunk and another was observed to be in a sinking condition in the North Sea naval engagement, the Admiralty announces. One German torpedo boat put in at Ymuiden in a damaged condition. The others returned with slight damage.

SENATE DELAYS DISCUSSION OF

Changes were made last night in Cummins Pays Eloquent arrived at Ymuiden, sil the other Tribute to Purposes of The President.

> Washington, Jan. 24-Action on Senator Cummins' resolution to pro- men and that a German destroyer was vide for exclusive consideration of sunk. President Wilson's peace address until all senators have expressed their Corpses Are Frozen views was deferred today, and it was sent to the calendar after it had been debated two hours.

When Senator Cummins called up his resolution Senator Brandegee of Connecticut insisted on a quorum, say-"This matter touches upon one of

the most important subjects that has ever been before the United States When a call brought the required quorum of members, Senator Cum-

mins resumed. "I have no disposition to speak at length on the resolution," Mr. Cummins said. "I hope to reach a vote on it befoe the morning hour closes. It will be observed that the resolution does not invite no even properly permit a discussion at this time of the soundness of unsoundness of the purposes in the President's address. I will do all I can to hold the debate Theresa Oberly and Mrs. Lillie Thorpe, cuts off her sons, Gustave A. Moll of It is this: Ought the Senate, some tered. The correspondents report day in the near future, do the country the justice of informing the people and advising the President of our The will was written by Attorney views concerning a policy of the most Jacob B. Klein of the law firm of vital importance to which he has told

"For the proper discussion of the resolution it matters not whether the was witnessed by the late Alexander President is right or wrong. In either Leverty, Jacob B. Klein and Robert case his communication is the most E. DeForest. It has been in the safe important ever made by a Chief Exof the firm for 20 years. The pro- cutive of the United States. He so regards it. The whole country so surprise and bears out the statements looks upon it and foreign nations so accept it. He has come to the Senate frankly and boldly and, I assume, with al sincerity, saying that he owed it to us to disclose to us the purpose in his mind. Why did he owe it to us to disclose without reserve the thought and purposes in his mind?"

dent himself had answered that ques- Six Allied Airships Senator Cummins said the presition when he referred to the senate as "a council associated with me" in international affairs. "Are we to sit dumb at this ap-

peal?" asked the senator. "The time to vote, it is true, has not arrived, but is the council to remain silent while public opinion is forming

and public judgment is entered? the president, but I am bound to be- day's army headquarters statement... lieve those who oppose this resolution are not his true friends. It must be he desires and expects the freest and fullest debate on the tre- on the Riga region on the Russian mendous issue he has raised. What front, the war office announced. The value are we as council if we lock result of the engagements has been our lips and allow him to go his way. favorable to the Germans. I do not know whether any senator here intends to vote in opposition to this resolution-I hope there be not. But if there be one I want him to repers she has been accustomed to read flect a moment, for it seems to me near Chilly, south of the Somme, and AT CTD ATEADN and to give annually \$100 in support that opposition means a doubt re- in the Woevre district, the various specting either the sincerity or cour- war statements announce. Patrois

age of the president. "If we are not to render an opinion in response to his investigation it front. means that he chose the senate as a conduit through which to pass the Lordship Co. Wants new doctrine to the ministers of foreign affairs of the world and the newspapers, or as a setting for a beautiful picture skillfully painted. I hardly believe any one will put the president in the position of having so flagrantly misused the privileges of the chief executive.'

that affect the integrity of the nation, capital stock of the new corporation is would consist of the dairy and food posal and the time require conscien-

"This is not a partisan subject," he (Continued on Page 2.)

The announcement follows: "In the course of an enterprise undertaken by a portion of our destroyer forces an engagement occurred early in the morning of Jan. 23 with British naval forces. One enemy destroyer was sunk during the fight. After the engagement a second was observed by our airplanes to be in a

"One of our torpedo boats which was in distress owing to damage suffered, according to news received, has boats returned with slight damage.' The official British account of the

sinking condition.

engagement, which was given out last night, said that a British destroyer was torpedoed, with the loss of 47

to Deck of Warship

London, Jan. 24-Special dispatches from Holland give stories of the battles between German and British destroyers in the North Sea but the details, which one some points are conflicting, are mostly and avowedly derived from hearsay and not substantiated. It seems certain, however, that the main engagement began about 2 o'clock in the morning and

lasted until about 7 a. m. It was fought in intense darkness, while the severe cold can be judged from the fact that eight corpses on the V-69, the German flagship, were so frozen to the deck when the boat arrived in Ymuiden that they had to be hewn free with axes.

Virtually all the details of actual damage to the ships refer to the V-69; which ,it is said, was rammed by a British ship after being seriously batgossip that seven to 10 German vessels were sunk, but there is nothing confirmatory in regard to this. According to one version, the Germans started from Helgoland with the intention of raiding the British coast, but were driven back toward Flanders, where some took refuge in Zeebrugge. It is confirmed that Commander Boehm on the V-69 is alive and, according to one report, uninjured. It is said that he superintended the removal of the destroyer, as an examination of the ship proved the impossibility of repairing her within 24 hours. This, of course, implies an intention to ntern, but nothing official,

Dutch coast. Reported Destroyed

is obtainable in regard to this. A

number of survivors of the sunken

British vessel have arrived on the

Berlin, Jan. 24, by wireless to Sayville-Six Entente airships were shot down yesterday on the western front, the war office announces.

A withdrawal of Teutonic forces in the region along the "I have no authority to speak for north of Tultche is announced in to-The statement reports the situation on the Macedonian front unchanged. Renewed fighting has broken out

> FRENCH MAKE RAIDS. Paris, Jan. 24-French troops made several successful raids last night

> region near the eastern end of the Power To Operate Line of Steamboats

were unusually active in the Seille

(Special to The Farmer.) Hartford, Jan. 24.-The Lordship the senate. Or else it means that he Railway company, a new corporation, is one of those unhappy persons who will take over the rights of the Lordfeel safer in a company where he ship Park association in the matter of alone is armed and can fear no shot trolley line operation and amusesave his alone. I am not challenging ment park enterprises, under a measeither the sincerity or the courage of ure introduced today by Senator Bartlett. The incorporators of the new "If there ever was a time when that company are the incorporators of the duty commanded-to give to the present Lordship Park association. In world and to the country the honest addition to the rights taken over, the state board for the regulation of milk, convictions of the senate on proposals new company would also be empow-

> The Anti-Saloon bill, proposing state-wide prohibition in Illinois in 1918, through referendum, was intro-"The president is not the only duced in both Houses of the Illinois